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1ST SESSION

H. R. 433

To restore the management and personnel authority of the Mayor of the
District of Columbia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 1999

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Ms. NORTON, and Mrs. MORELLA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

To restore the management and personnel authority of the
Mayor of the District of Columbia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
5 Management Restoration Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) Among the major problems of the District
9 of Columbia government has been the failure to
10 clearly delineate accountability.

1 (2) The statute establishing the District of
2 Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management
3 Assistance Authority proved necessary to enable the
4 District to regain financial stability and manage-
5 ment control.

6 (3) The District has performed significantly
7 better than the Congress had anticipated at the time
8 of the passage of the Authority statute.

9 (4) The necessity for a financial authority has
10 resulted in a diffusion of responsibility between the
11 Mayor, the Council, and the Authority pending the
12 time when the District government would assume
13 the home rule status quo ante.

14 (5) This lack of clear lines of reporting author-
15 ity, in turn, has led to some redundancy and confu-
16 sion about accountability and authority.

17 (6) The Authority statute requires the Author-
18 ity to “ensure the most efficient and effective deliv-
19 ery of services, including public safety services, by
20 the District government” and to “assist the District
21 government in . . . ensuring the appropriate and ef-
22 ficient delivery of services”.

23 (7) With the coming of a new administration
24 led by Mayor Anthony Williams, the Authority has
25 taken the first step to ensure the accountability that

1 will be necessary at the expiration of the control pe-
 2 riod by delegating day-to-day operations over city
 3 agencies previously under control of the Authority to
 4 the Mayor.

5 (8) The Congress agrees that the best way to
 6 ensure clear and unambiguous authority and full ac-
 7 countability is for the Mayor to have full authority
 8 over city agencies so that citizens, the Authority,
 9 and the Congress can ascertain responsibility.

10 (9) The transition of authority to the new ad-
 11 ministration will take nothing from the Authority's
 12 power to intervene during a control period.

13 **SEC. 3. RESTORATION OF MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL**
 14 **AUTHORITY OF MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF**
 15 **COLUMBIA.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title XI of the Bal-
 17 anced Budget Act of 1997 (DC Code, sec. 47–395.1 et
 18 seq.) is repealed.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 20 1604(f)(2)(B) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public
 21 Law 105–34; 111 Stat. 1099) is repealed.

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